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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT : Draft on CIA Participation in the Activities of
the Psychological Strategy Board

1. The Plans Division Planning and Policy Staff has studied carefully the subject draft memorandum, and quite naturally they went into a tizzy when they read the last sentence in paragraph 3 and invited my attention to paragraph 1d in the Terms of Reference of the Psychological Strategy Board, April ninth, which reads: "Psychological operations include all activities (other than overt types of psychological warfare) envisaged under NSC 59/1 and NSC 10/2, but the operational planning and execution thereof remain as stated therein."

2. Personally, I assume that the reason for the sentence to which exception is taken was based on your proposed re-organization in which Psychological Warfare becomes a general staff, as diagramed late yesterday afternoon, in which case when they get properly toolled-up, they can probably backstop all of it. In the meantime, however, NSC 10/2 covers a much wider field than psychological warfare, as the term is generally understood; and the staff as presently constituted certainly does not have the competence to deal with any of the so-termed para-military items which are irrevocably bound up with planning, per se, as conducted in the present Plans Division.

3. In addition to the above, you will note in the draft herewith returned that we have made a few gratuitous editorial emendations.

4. If you desire any further discussion of this, I would like to bring along a couple of my experts.

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